of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the cases where State Trading Corporation of India (STC) took action in 1991 under sction 32 of its Employees (Conduct, discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1975;

(b) whether it is a fact that in some cases the Corporation took the extreme step of expelling its employees from service and not clearing their dues, till date ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor ;

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure justice to the expelled employees and that they may not be subjected to more than one penalty for one offence ; and

(e) the steps being taken to adjust the STC's outstanding dues against such employees ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (e) STC has intimated that a Chief Marketing Manager was removed from the services of the Corporation w.e.f. 3-7-91 by invoking Rule 32 of the STC Employees' (CD&A) Rules, 1975 by the competent authority for having committed acts of misconduct, while posted at STC, USA viz obtaining Green Card by fraudulent means, worked for one Delhi based businessman, received payments from private parties and had absconded from place of his duty since 27th May, 1991.

STC have mentioned that a total amount of Rs. 2,31,870.31 is recoverable from the ex-employee. Arrears pay payable to the ex-employee are Rs. 61,517.90 and he has paid a sum of Rs. 1,08,575.00 to STC on 2-5-94. Thus a total amount now recoverable from him by STC has been indicated at Rs. 61,777.41.

The post of Chief Marketing Manager is a post below Board level and CMD, STC is the appointing authority for such a category being non-Presidential appointee.

**Business delegation's visit to U.A.E.**

7382. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powered business delegation has visited United Arab Emirates in the month of May, 1994;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to attempt for a favourable balance of trade, which is at present negative for India and heavily tilted in favour of U.A.E. ; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) A high powered 19 member FICCI business delegation visited UAE from 25th to 28th May, 1994. The basic objective of the visit was to attract investment from UAE to India.

(c) and (d) During the year 1993-94 (April—Jan.) the trade balance has shifted in favour of India with Indian exports at Rs. 2950.65 crores and import Rs. 2592.76 crores. India's trade surplus has been of Rs. 357.89 crores.

**Software team to visit Japan**

7383. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of COM-